

intentions even in the face of persecution, imprisonment of union leaders, and government violence against the union;

Whereas the founder and elected leader of Solidarity, Lech Walesa, has had a fundamental role in establishing and leading Solidarity as a labor organization working for peaceful goals by peaceful means; and

Whereas Lech Walesa has been awarded the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition for inspiring all peace-loving people by attempting to solve the labor problems of Poland through negotiations and cooperation, and suffering imprisonment and unjust vilification as a result of these actions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

That the Congress of the United States of America—

(1) congratulates Lech Walesa as the recipient of the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize and commends the Norwegian Nobel Committee on this outstanding choice,

(2) requests the Government of Poland to facilitate the personal attendance at the award ceremony and to guarantee the safe return to Poland of Lech Walesa, and

(3) calls upon all peace-loving nations to continue to support the cause of free trade unions everywhere, to promote internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to help establish on the basis of freedom and mutual trust a secure and universal peace.

Agreed to November 17, 1983.

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS—STUDY OF THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE BOOK

Nov. 18, 1983

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Whereas the Congress of the United States has built and nurtured a library preeminent in the world;

Whereas this Library beginning as a small collection of books has now grown to over eighty million items in all formats encompassing all areas of knowledge;

Whereas eighteen million of these items are conventional books which throughout history have been the most powerful and democratizing learning devices known to mankind;

Whereas the book is now among the least expensive and most widely accessible means to liberty and learning;

Whereas advances in technology over the last two decades have in many ways complemented the book as a learning tool;

Whereas rapidly advancing technologies and electronic printing and publishing are revolutionizing the world of learning and the role of the book in the future; and

Whereas the Congress in 1977 established the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress to study the development of the written record in our society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

That—

(1) a timely study of the changing role of the book in the future is highly desirable;